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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL
EXCERPT FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING
AUGUST 13, 1973:

QUOTE: Q. WHAT IS THE UNITED STATES VIEW OF ISRAEL'S
FORCED DIVERSION OF AN IRAQI AIRLINER FRIDAY?

A. OUR DUTY SPOKESMAN EXPRESSED THAT ON SATURDAY AND I
WILL JUST READ INTO THE RECORD TODAY WHAT HE SAID ON SATUR-
DAY --"WE DEPLORE THE DIVERSION YESTERDAY BY ISRAELI
MILITARY AIRCRAFT OF AN AIRLINER CHARTERED BY IRAQI AIRLINES.
FROM THE FACTS, AS WE UNDERSTAND THEM, THIS WAS A VIOLATION
OF LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY, AND THE RULE OF LAW IN INTER-
NATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION. WE ARE MAKING OUR VIEWS KNOWN TO
ISRAEL."

Q. CAN YOU SAY HOW THE VIEWS WERE MADE KNOWN?

A. THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

Q. IN ISRAEL OR HERE?

A. AT LEAST HERE, PERHAPS ALSO IN JERUSALEM.

Q. WAS THE AMBASSADOR CALLED IN?

A. I DON'T THINK SO.

Q. WILL THE UNITED STATES SUPPORT, OR THE STATE DEPARTMENT
SUPPORT ANY SYSTEM OF SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL, OR FAVOR
IT?

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A. THE SECURITY COUNCIL DOESN'T MEET UNTIL THREE O'CLOCK
THIS AFTERNOON AND WILL BE MEETING IN CIRCUMSTANCES OF A
SUBSTANTIAL NATURE WHICH ARE NOT YET ENTIRELY CLEAR, SO I
FIND IT A LITTLE DIFFICULT TO PREFIGURE HOW THAT SESSION
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL TURN, AND I WOULD NOT, AT THIS
POINT, WANT TO PREFIGURE OUR VIEWS IN THE MATTER.

Q. I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT PERHAPS "SANCTIONS" IS TOO

PRECISE OR TOO TECHNICAL A WORD. DOES THE UNITED STATES
SUPPORT, DOES THE STATE DEPARTMENT FAVOR SOME SYSTEM OF
PUNISHMENT EITHER THROUGH A WORLD ORGANIZATION OR THROUGH
A PILOTS' ASSOCIATION, OR THROUGH SOME OTHER MEANS TO
CHASTISE ISRAEL FOR THIS DIVERSION?

A. I JUST, FOR THE MOMENT, HAVE TO STAND ON THE GENERAL
STATEMENT WHICH WE ISSUED ON SATURDAY. END QUOTE. ROGERS

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